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MEDICALLY FRAGILE ADULT WAIVER

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Description

The Medically Fragile Adult Waiver (MFAW) program provides service coordination and authorization for medically necessary services to MO HealthNet participants with serious and complex medical needs, who have reached the age of 21 and are no longer eligible to receive services through the Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) program. Individuals must require medical care equivalent to the level of care received in an intermediate care facility, have been eligible for private duty nursing through the HCY program and not be enrolled in another waiver. Authorized services may include waiver attendant care, in-home nursing care and specialized medical supplies as well as state plan personal care, advanced personal care, and authorized nurse visits.

Waiver Attendant Care Outside the Home

Waiver attendant care is above and beyond the limitations for State Plan personal care services. The general scope and nature of waiver attendant care services do not differ from State Plan personal care services with the exception of care provided outside the home. Waiver attendant care may be provided outside the home in the performance of normal life activities by waiver participants when medically necessary and when approved by the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs (BSHCN).

State Plan personal care services must be utilized for care required in the home *until exhausted*. Once State Plan personal care services are exhausted, waiver attendant care services may be utilized for care in the home. The exception to this is authorized care provided outside the home, which must be billed as waiver attendant care.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

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MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896